

Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2008 FEDEX ORANGE BOWL

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 948) congratulating the University of Kansas ("KU") football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 948

Whereas on January 3, 2008, the University of Kansas (KU) football team won the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl, defeating Virginia Tech by a score of 24 to 21 for the first major bowl victory in university history;

Whereas the KU football team won 12 games this season to set a school record;

Whereas KU ranked seventh in the final Top 25 polls released on January 8, 2008, for the second highest final ranking in school history (the school ranked sixth in 1968);

Whereas the KU football team reached a number 2 ranking on November 18, 2007, their highest national ranking in program history;

Whereas the KU team set the school record for points, an average of 42.77 points per game, and total yards (479.77 yards);

Whereas KU was the only school in the country to rank in the top 5 nationally in both scoring offense (second) and scoring defense (fifth);

Whereas Head Coach Mark Mangino was awarded multiple national coach of the year honors;

Whereas Head Coach Mark Mangino has produced a minimum of 6 wins in 3 straight seasons for the first time in 46 years for the KU football program;

Whereas the KU football team produced 2 first-team All-Americans, cornerback Aqib Talib and offensive tackle Anthony Collins, and 1 second-team All-American in defensive tackle James McClinton; and

Whereas the KU football team was also honored to have 2 Academic All-America recipients on the team, Russell Brorsen and John Larson: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates and commends the University of Kansas football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and for having the most successful year in program history;

(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Kansas football team win the FedEx Orange Bowl; and

(3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the following individuals for display:

(A) Robert Hemenway, Chancellor of the University of Kansas.

(B) Richard Lariviere, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of Kansas.

(C) Lew Perkins, Athletics Director of the University of Kansas.

(D) Mark Mangino, Head Coach.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

Iowa (Mr. LOEBSACK) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. KUHLM) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may insert material relevant to House Resolution 948 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. LOEBSACK asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the University of Kansas for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in the program's history.

On January 3, 2008, Kansas captured its first major bowl victory in university history by defeating Virginia Tech. College football fans, student athletes, and the Nation were treated to an exceptional college bowl game.

I want to extend my congratulations to head coach Mark Mangino, athletic director Lou Perkins, University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway, and Kansas's student athletes for winning the Orange Bowl and obtaining a school record 12-1 season.

I also want to extend my congratulations to the Virginia Tech Hokies and their student athletes for a great season.

Winning the Orange Bowl and finishing the season with a 12-1 record has brought positive national attention to Kansas, and I know the fans of the university will cherish this moment as they look forward to the 2008 season. Student athletes balance a rigorous school workload with the many practices and games in which they compete. I am proud of student athletes for their dedication to their schoolwork and their sport.

Madam Speaker, once again I congratulate the University of Kansas for their success, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. KUHLM of New York. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I noticed that the gentleman from Iowa was a little quizzical and hesitant in congratulating a fellow Big 12 team from Kansas. But in any case, Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 948 congratulating the University of Kansas football team, affectionately known as KU, for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history.

On January 3, 2008, the University of Kansas football team won the 2008

FedEx Orange Bowl defeating Virginia Tech by a score of 24-20 for its first major bowl victory in university history.

The KU football team won a school record 12 games this past season and ended the season ranked seventh in the final top 25 polls released on January 8, 2008. This is the second highest final ranking in school history.

This past year's KU team set the school record with points per game, with an average of 42 points per game, and total yards per game, with an average of 479 yards. KU is the only school in the country to rank in the top five nationally in both scoring offense, which was second, and scoring defense, in which they were fifth.

Following the remarkable year, head coach Mark Mangino was awarded multiple national Coach of the Year awards. And, in fact, Coach Mangino has produced a minimum of six wins in three straight seasons, for the first time in 46 years for the KU football program.

The KU football team also produced two first team All Americans, cornerback Aqib Talib and offensive tackle Anthony Collins. Equally important, the team produced two academic All American recipients, Russell Brorsen and John Larson.

In addition to successful athletic programs, KU also provides faculty, academic and research programs of international distinction, and outstanding libraries, teaching museums, and teaching technology. These resources enrich the undergraduate experience and are essential for graduate-level education and for research.

From early existence, the University of Kansas has been fueled by high aspirations and has enjoyed a national reputation for innovation and academic excellence. I extend my congratulations to head coach Mark Mangino, all of the hardworking players, the fans, and to the University of Kansas. I am happy to join my friend and colleague in honoring this exceptional team for all of its accomplishments and wish all involved continued success. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), also the distinguished Chair of the Armed Services Committee on which I serve.

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and let me take this opportunity to congratulate the gentlelady from Kansas (Mrs. BOYDA) for paying tribute to the Kansas University football program. It is impressive.

But I would yield to the gentleman from Iowa if he would answer a few questions.

Mr. LOEBSACK. Yes, I will.

Mr. SKELTON. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to ask you if you know of the outcome of the